

DON'T LIKE TO PAY AUTOMOBILE TAX

Owners Object to Annual Tax
for Six Months' Privilege.

CITY BUILDS COUNTY ROAD

Danville Comes Across With
Money—Cattle Test Found
Perfect.

Loud and prolonged were the kicks registered yesterday at the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth when those who were busy taking out automobile licenses found that although they were paying for a year, their licenses will be good only for a little more than six months, until January 1 next. The clerks in the office can't help it; it is the law.

Of course, there is a provision that those who have, during the year 1910, paid the tax under the old law, get a rebate of that amount. But those who registered prior to this year must pay a year's license for six months. There is no escape, for the calendar years are used.

"These licenses are too high," complained one man.

"Possibly so," responded Chief Clerk Hankins, cheerfully, "but I have a monopoly. You can't get them anywhere else. You must pay tribute to the trust."

Not Matter of Force.

"I don't believe you can force me to take out the license," kicked another.

"That is true," said Clerk J. M. Hayes, with a grin. "We can neither force you to own an automobile or get a license and a number. But the police officers are likely to make it cost you a good deal more if you don't get it."

As a result, the money goes to the State and a piece of paper and a tin plate go to the holder. Up to the close of business yesterday, perhaps 525 licenses had been issued. Two thousand five hundred more, it is believed, must come across during the next week or two. As a matter of fact, the law is being violated now by those running automobiles in this State without displaying an official number.

As the licenses will average \$10 each, it will be seen that about \$5,000 has already been paid in. This will go to the road fund, to be used as State aid in building highways.

COWS ALL INSPECTED

Presence of Tuberculosis Demonstrated
in Condensed Cattle.

Demonstrating the correctness of the tests recently made by the State Dairy and Food Commissioner and the Live-Stock Sanitary Board, in practically every instance, the presence of tuberculosis has been detected in those cows slaughtered after showing the reaction to the test. The work done along this line by Commissioner Saunders, aided by a veterinarian of the national Department of Agriculture, was recently told in this paper. In one splendidly kept herd of 183 dairy cows, fifty-nine reacted under the test.

Twenty-five of these were slaughtered at a local abattoir Tuesday, and examinations were made of the bodies to discover traces of tuberculosis. They were there.

CITY BUILDS ROAD

Pays County's Part in Highway to Be
Feeder for Trade.

Showing the interest taken by municipalities in road building in their localities, the State Highway Department learns that the city of Danville has agreed to bear the entire cost of the county of Pittsylvania of a road from the city to the North Carolina line, a distance of three and a half miles. The road will be contributed to the State aid.

At the State line the road will connect with a highway being built from Fayetteville. The North Carolina portion is to be a toll road.

After some little trouble the contract has finally been definitely let in Spotsylvania county for the construction of twenty-seven miles of permanent highway, with State aid, Chancellor and Courtland Magisterial Districts recently voted a bond issue of \$100,000 for these roads, which will run out of Fredericksburg, one of them to Spotsylvania Courthouse. Work will be begun July 1 to be done under the direction of Commissioner Wilson.

Bank Examiner Qualifies.

Assistant State Bank Examiner Charles S. Hunt of Staunton, was sworn in before the State Corporation Commission yesterday, executing and commissioning him for his duties.

Examiner C. C. Barksdale, of South Boston, came to the city Tuesday night for the same purpose, but was called home early yesterday morning by a telegram announcing the death of a friend.

Setting Up Exhibit.

The work of setting up the McCormick exhibit in the new exhibit hall is nearly complete, and Miss Frances Smith, who has been supervising the installation, will leave the city to-day. There is a great deal of finishing to be done around the section allotted to the unique display.

Money Coming In.

City and county treasurers are getting busy in making their settlements with the Auditor of Public Accounts. They are to render complete accounts and remit the balances in their hands due the State as of June 15. The money includes the large sum of license receipts collected during the month of May, and the balance of taxes for the year 1909. The latter includes many poll taxes.

Will Return To-Day.

Commissioner Button, of the Department of Insurance, is expected to return to-day from New York, where he has been attending meetings of committees of the National Association of State Insurance Commissioners.

Charter Issued.

The following charter was issued yesterday by the State Corporation Commission: In the County of Albemarle, Va., the City of Charlottesville, Va., is hereby incorporated as a city of the first class, under the name of the City of Charlottesville, Va.

SAUER'S

THE BEST FLAVORING EXTRACTS

BY EVERY TEST.

DEFENDANT TELLS STORY OF KILLING

Professor Harris Declares He
Shot Thompson to Save
His Own Life.

ALL TESTIMONY OFFERED

Case Will Probably Reach Jury
After Arguments This
Evening.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Manassas, Va., June 15.—Contrary to all expectations, the taking of testimony in the trial of Prof. J. D. Harris, who is on trial in the Prince William County Circuit Court for the killing of W. A. Thompson, associate editor of the Warrenton Virginian, in the town of Warrenton, on the evening of April 24, 1909, was concluded this afternoon.

The court will instruct the jury as to the law bearing on the case to-morrow morning, and the argument of counsel, which will probably take up the entire day, will begin. The case should be given to the jury to-morrow evening.

Mrs. Thompson, widow of the murdered man, was the last witness for the Commonwealth, which rested its case this morning. The prosecution having announced yesterday that it had finished its case in chief, except that it reserved the right to call the widow of the dead man this morning. A larger crowd of persons was on hand this morning than yesterday to hear the testimony of Mrs. Thompson, and also in anticipation of hearing what Prof. Harris would say.

Mrs. Thompson on Stand.

The court room was packed when the widow took the stand. Mrs. Thompson told how her husband had left his home at 8 o'clock on the morning of the fatal day, and said she saw him no more until after he had been shot. It was not until the body of her husband was brought home from the hospital that she saw him again.

Miss Agnes Strother and Miss Selma Walters were the first witnesses for the defense to take the stand this morning. On the day of the fatal occurrence, these young women, with several others, had gone to the depot in Warrenton, and Prof. Harris had accompanied them. While at the depot Thompson came up and in the presence and hearing of the party made some very vile and filthy remarks concerning Harris. The Commonwealth's attorney did not insist upon the young women repeating the language.

Harris Tells His Story.

At 10:30 o'clock this morning Harris took the stand in his own defense. The witness, while showing the terrible strain that he has undergone during the progress of the trial, was calm and collected, and gave his testimony in a dispassionate way.

In 1908, said the witness, "I was principal of the Warrenton High School and in charge of the Summer Normal School at Winchester. Among my other duties in connection with the last mentioned school I had to get out a catalogue of the summer normal."

"Mr. Thompson asked me to let him see this catalogue and I gave him the catalogue, with the understanding that it was to be delivered May 1. Mr. Thompson was so dilatory with the work that I was compelled to take it away from him and give it to the Democrat, a rival paper. This was the starting of the trouble between Thompson and myself."

The witness then related the vile and abusive language and epithets directed at him by Thompson whenever they passed on the streets or were thrown together by chance. The witness further said that he had had a misunderstanding with Thompson in the summer of 1908 about a bill rendered him by the printing establishment and which the witness claimed was incorrect.

"On the morning of September 25, 1908," the witness continued, "I was walking down Main Street on my way to my school, when I was accosted by Thompson, who said: 'I want to see you about that bill.' I replied: 'I am in a hurry now and will see you some other time.' 'I don't give a damn about the bill,' Thompson replied, 'but I have made up my mind to give you a beating.' The fight, as detailed in the evidence on yesterday, then occurred."

Arms Like a Woman.

At this point in his testimony Professor Harris was asked to show his arms to the jury. The witness took off his coat, rolled up his shirt sleeves, revealing an arm no larger than a woman's.

"In this encounter I found that it was a physical impossibility for me to cope with Thompson," continued Harris. "From that day to the time of the fatal occurrence he never let up on me, but hounded me to death." Harris had taken supper at the home of Al. Strother on the evening of the shooting and had accompanied a party of young women who had been staying at the house to the depot. "I saw," continued Harris, "that Thompson was growing bolder and more insulting in his remarks concerning me, and fearing there would be an open encounter I met him on the street, I went home and armed myself."

The witness then detailed the conversation that he had just prior to the shooting with Irvine Maxheimer, brother-in-law of Thompson, at which time he asked Maxheimer to see Thompson and get him to let up in his insulting demeanor. Coming to the point in his testimony where the shooting took place, Harris said:

"I was walking down Main Street with Maxheimer, when we were overtaken by Thompson, who repeated the vulgar epithet that he had been using on the other occasions. To get out of his way I stepped from the sidewalk and started across the street. When Thompson pursued me and struck at me I turned and Thompson grabbed me in the collar with his left hand and proceeded to rain blows about my face and head with his right fist. I called to Maxheimer to come and take him away, but before he reached us Thompson had knocked me down on my knees. I recovered my feet, Thompson still holding me by the collar and striking me with his fist. I realized that I was being beat to death, and drew my revolver and fired twice down at the ground, thinking that he would let me go."

"After I fired the shots he continued to maul, and I then pointed the revolver at his body and fired. Maxheimer then ran up to us and pulled Thompson away, and I was placed under arrest by Mr. W. A. Simmes, a constable of the township."

Mr. McCormick asked the witness this question: "For what purpose did you fire your pistol?" to which the witness replied, "I knew that my very life was being beat out, and I expected

ed every moment to be cut off shot to death."

Upon cross-examination by Mr. Keith, for the Commonwealth, Harris was not shaken in his testimony.

The defense rested his case after Harris had finished his testimony. W. A. Simmes was then called by the Commonwealth, and testified that he heard Harris say to Al. Strother immediately after Thompson had been shot. "He insulted your daughter, and I shot him," upon rebuttal, Mr. Strother said Harris made no such statement to him.

Mrs. W. A. Thompson, the widow of the slain man, was in the court room to-day and heard Professor Harris detail the incidents that led up to the killing of her husband. Mrs. Thompson wept silently while the tragic events were being related.

SAUNDERS WILL BE NAMED.

Fifth District Convention Will Renominate Present Congressman.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Danville, Va., June 15.—A large attendance of delegates is expected to-morrow at Rocky Mount, at the Fifth District Democratic convention, which will be held for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Congress.

Judge E. W. Saunders, the present representative in Congress, has no opposition, and he is expected to be nominated by acclamation. Among the distinguished delegates who will be at the convention, and who will speak, will be Hon. Claude A. Swanson, former Governor of Virginia, and for many years Congressman from this district. The convention will be called to order by Hon. R. A. James, chairman of the Democratic executive committee of this district. A large number of the prominent Democrats of the district will be in attendance upon the convention.

INSURANCE MEN FOUGHT MEASURE

Judge Williams Tells of Opposition
to Wharton
Law.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Newport News, Va., June 15.—Judge Martin Williams, of Giles county, was the star witness in the insurance case in the Police Court here to-day. Judge Williams testified that when the bill introduced by him in the House of Delegates for the re-enactment of the Wharton law in 1906, was under consideration, the Southeastern Underwriters' Association strenuously opposed the measure, and its representatives made themselves very obnoxious to members of the House. The bill passed the House, but was killed in the Senate. The sole object of the measure was to prevent insurance companies combining to fix and control rates.

Counsel for the officers and members of the Southeastern Underwriters' Association strongly objected to the introduction of this evidence, but it was allowed to go into the record by the court.

J. L. Patton and C. K. Hoskins, local insurance agents; C. E. Neims, a former agent, and W. K. Stow, chief of the Fire Department, testified to-day. Tonight the Commonwealth announced that all of its evidence, except that of Commissioner Button, had been introduced.

Several witnesses who are expected to give facts concerning insurance rates in other Virginia cities, have been summoned by the court and will testify to-morrow.

The case will be concluded Saturday.

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